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TAGS: MOPS, US, BO

SUBJECT:INDIAN OCEAN DEPLOYMENT

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. THE NUCLEAR POWERED AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS ENTERPRISE

(CVN-65), THE NUCLEAR POWERED GUIDED MISSILE CRUISER USS LONG BEACH (CGN-9), AND THE NUCLEAR POWERED GUIDED MISSILE CRUISER USS TRUXTUN (CGN-35) WILL FORM A THREE SHIP TASK GROUP TO OPERATE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE WEEKS (26 JANUARY THROUGH 7 MARCH 1977). THE TASK GROUP WILL BE COMMANDED BY RADM H. P. GLINDEMAN, COMMANDER SEVENTH FLEET CARRIER STRIKING FORCE (TASK FORCE SEVEN SEVEN), EMBARKED IN THE USS ENTERPRISE. THE SHIPS' COMMANDING OFFICERS ARE: USS ENTERPRISE, CAPTAIN J.W. AUSTIN; USS LONG BEACH, CAPTAIN H.C. SCHRADER, JR.; AND USS TRUXTUN, CAPTAIN BF TALLY. THE TASK GROUP WILL BE JOINED AT A LATER DATE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN OPERATIONS BY THE NUCLEAR POWERED ATTACK SUBMARINE USS TAUTOG (SSN-639) COMMANDED BY CDR J.E. GRISE. THERE IS TO BE NO OFFICIAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS DEPLOYMENT PRIOR TO MALACCA STRAIT TRANSIT. FOLLOWING MALACCA STRAIT TRANSIT SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 26, PA GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH FOUR SHOULD BE USED.

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2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PORT VISITS WILL BE HANDLED IN A ROUTINE MANNER WHEN DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES HAVE BEEN FULLY COORDINATED WITH EMBASSIES CONCERNED.

3. IF DEEMED NECESSARY, EMBASSIES MAY INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF DEPLOYMENT ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.

4. ADDEES SHOULD NOT VOLUNTEER THIS INFORMATION, BUT IF ASKED, MAY DRAW IN LOW KEY MANNER ON FOLLOWING PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE (APPROVED BY DOD):

A. AFTER THE TASK GROUP SORTIES FROM SUBIC BAY COMSEVENTHFLT WILL RESPOND TO ANY MEDIA QUERIES NOTING THE FORMATION OF THE FIRST PACFLT NUCLEAR TASK GROUP SINCE 1964 WHICH IS CONDUCTING ROUTINE OPERATIONS WITH THE SEVENTH FLEET IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. RESPONSE TO QUERIES WILL NOT DISCUSS PROSPECTIVE AREAS OF OPERATION, AND ANY QUESTIONS THIS SUBJECT WILL BE RESPONDED TO WITH QUOTE WE DO NOT DISCUSS FUTURE OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OF OUR FORCES. UNQUOTE.

B. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IS TO BE USED IN RESPONSE TO NEWS MEDIA QUERY AFTER THE TASK GROUP HAS ENTERED THE INDIAN OCEAN ON JANUARY 26: QUOTE A THREE-SHIP TASK GROUP IS CURRENTLY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THE TASK GROUP CONSISTS OF THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65), THE GUIDED MISSILE CRUISER USS LONG BEACH (CGN-9), AND THE GUIDED MISSILE CRUISER USS TRUXTUN (CGN-35)., THE TASK GROUP IS COMMANDED BY RADM HP GLINDEMAN, COMMANDER SEVENTH FLEET CARRIER STRIKING FORCE (TASK FORCE SEVEN SEVEN),

EMBARKED IN USS ENTERPRISE. THE SHIPS' COMMANDING OFFICERS ARE: USS ENTERPRISE, CAPTAIN JW AUSTIN; USS LONG BEACH, CAPTAIN HC SCHRADER, JR.,; AND USS TRUXTUN, CAPTAIN BF TALLY. UNQUOTE. TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SSN PORT VISIT WHICH HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR MOMBASA BE-  
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GINNING FEBRUARY 19, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT SHOULD BE ADDED TO CONTINGENCY STATEMENT: QUOTE. THE TASK GROUP WAS JOINED IN THE INDIAN OCEAN BY THE ATTACK SUBMARINE USS TAUTOG (SSN-639), COMMANDED BY CDR JE GRISE. UNQUOTE.

C. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR USE IN RESPONSE TO NEWS MEDIA QUERY ONLY.

Q.1. IS THERE ANY SIGNIFICANCE TO THE TIMING OF THIS DEPLOYMENT?

A.1. NO. THIS IS ROUTINE DEPLOYMENT IN KEEPING WITH U.S. POLICY OF CONDUCTING NORMAL NAVAL OPERATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND WITH PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED INTENTIONS TO OPERATE SHIPS PERIODICALLY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

Q.2. WILL THE SHIPS IN THE TASK GROUP MAKE PORT CALLS DURING THE DEPLOYMENT?

A.2. YES. THE SHIPS ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE PORT CALLS. LOCATIONS WILL BE RELEASED AS THEY OCCUR.

Q.3. ARE THERE ANY PLANS FOR THE SHIPS TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY MAJOR EXERCISE?

A.3. NO, ALTHOUGH OUR SHIPS CUSTOMARILY STAND READY TO CAPITALIZE ON THE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES THESE DEPLOYMENTS AFFORD.

Q. 4. HOW MANY PACIFIC FLEET DEPLOYMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE  
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TO THE INDIAN OCEAN SINCE 1972?

A.4. THERE HAVE BEEN TWELVE PREVIOUS DEPLOYMENTS BY PACIFIC FLEET TASK GROUPS. THE LAST DEPLOYMENT WAS CONDUCTED FROM LATE OCTOBER TO EARLY DECEMBER 1976 BY USS TRUXTUN, USS TOWERS, USS RAMSEY, AND THE USNS PASSUMPSIC.

Q.5. WHY ARE THERE SO MANY NUCLEAR-POWERED SHIPS IN THIS TASK GROUP?

A.5. WHEN POSSIBLE, THE NAVY PREFERS TO OPERATE ITS NUCLEAR POWERED SHIPS AS A TASK GROUP TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE ENDURANCE AND FLEXIBILITY AFFORDED BY NUCLEAR-POWERED SHIPS OPERATING FOR EXTENDED PERIODS WITHOUT NORMAL LAND-BASED OR SEA-BASED SUPPORT.

Q.6. HAVE THIS MANY NUCLEAR-POWERED SHIPS EVER BEEN IN THE INDIAN OCEAN BEFORE?

A.6. THE LAST ALL NUCLEAR-POWERED TASK GROUP TO DEPLOY TO THE INDIAN OCEAN WAS IN 1964 WHEN ENTERPRISE, LONG BEACH AND BAINBRIDGE FORMED TASK GROUP ONE AND CRUISED AROUND THE WORLD WITHOUT REFUELING OR REPLENISHMENT, DEMONSTRATING THE MOBILITY OF U.S. NAVY NUCLEAR-POWERED SURFACE FORCES.

Q.7. WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THAT ENTERPRISE WAS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN?

A.7. THE LAST TIME WAS JAN AND FEB 1975.

Q.8. WHAT TYPE OF OPERATIONS ARE THE SHIPS/AIRCRAFT CONDUCTING WHILE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN?

A.8. ROUTINE TRAINING AND OPERATIONS, INCLUDING CARRIER FLIGHT OPERATIONS; UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT, ENGINEERING  
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CASUALTY CONTROL DRILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS DRILLS DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN READINESS AT A HIGH LEVEL. (AFTER CONFIRMATION OF TAUTOG PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN, INCLUDE ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE TRAINING).

Q.9. WHEN DID THE SHIPS ENTER THE INDIAN OCEAN?

A.9. THE (SURFACE) SHIPS PASSED THE MALACCA STRAITS AND ENTERED THE INDIAN OCEAN ON JANUARY 26. (MAKE NO REFERENCE TO DATE/POINT USS TAUTOG ENTERED INDIAN OCEAN.)

Q.10. WHAT OTHER US NAVY SHIPS ARE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN?

A.10. THERE ARE THREE SHIPS IN THE MIDEAST FORCE, THE COMMAND SHIP LASALLE (AGS-3), THE FRIGATE USS PHARRIS (FF-1094) AND THE DESTROYER USS DUPONT (DD-941).

ADDITIONAL Q'S AND A'S FOR USE AFTER TAUTOG'S PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN CONFIRMED:

Q. 11. HOW DID THE SUBMARINE ENTER THE INDIAN OCEAN?

Q. 11. WE DO NOT DISCUSS SUBMARINE OPERATIONS.

Q. 12. IS THE TAUTOG A BALLISTIC MISSILE SUB?

A. 12. NO. SHE IS A NUCLEAR-POWERED ATTACK SUBMARINE.

Q. 13. DO WE NORMALLY OPERATE SUBMARINES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN?

A. 13. WE DO NOT DISCUSS SUBMARINE OPERATIONS.

UPON TASK GROUP DEPARTURE FROM INDIAN OCEAN ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING USS TAUTOG WILL BE ANSWERED WITH QUOTE WE DO NOT DISCUSS SUBMARINE OPERATIONS UNQUOTE.

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D. FLEET HOMETOWN NEWS CENTER AND OTHER INTERNAL NAVY RELEASES BASED ON STATEMENT CONTAINED IN PARA 4B ARE AUTHORIZED AFTER TASK GROUP HAS ENTERED THE INDIAN OCEAN.

5. CINCPACFLT: REQUEST ADVISE ALCON IN THE EVENT OF SCHEDULE CHANGES.

6. FOR USNATO: MISSION SHOULD PASS THE ABOVE TO MILITARY COMMITTEE VIA USDELMC.

7. FOR JAKARTA, SINGAPORE AND KUALA LUMPUR: POLICY RE STRAITS TRANSIT REMAINS AS EXPRESSED IN STATE 222096 (1973).  
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